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Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.

By vetoing key elements of Assembly Bill 207, Governor Doyle has protected the interests of local municipalities while simultaneously opening the door to cable competition for the citizens of Wisconsin.

The governor's careful consideration of this bill has paved the way for a straightforward, standard application process that will enable our local cable industry to function properly. In addition, his actions ensure that low-income households have the opportunity to access the same services as those available to residents in wealthier communities. And consumers who experience interrupted service for an extended period of time will continue to receive credit, as they should, thanks to another veto.

Milwaukee significantly benefits from the actions that our governor took today, and I personally thank him for stepping forward to serve our citizens.